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[Despatch Abstract.]

Forests Second Senior Forest Officers Conference - Resolutions - Recorded.

No.F.6.-13-A/47-F.
Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture,
New Delhi, the 11th October, 1947.

From

A.N.Bery, Esquire, B.A.,
Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture,
Government of India.

To

1. All the provincial Governments under the Indian Dominion.
2. The Chief Forest Adviser, Eastern States, Sambhalpur (Orissa)
3. The Inspector General of Forests, H.E.H.the Nizam's Dominions, Hyderabad. Deccan.
4. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu & Kahsmir State, Sri-nagar.
5. Chief Conservator of Forests, Mysore, Bangalore.
6. The Conservator of Forests, Travancore.
7. The Conservator of Forests, Gwalior.

Subject:- Second Senior Forest Officers Conference.

Sir,

I am directed to forward a copy of Item No.2- Recommendations I, II, III, IV and V of the Second Senior

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Forest Officers Conference held in November, 1946 for consideration and such action as is deemed necessary and to say that the recommendations commend themselves to the Government of India.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

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Resolutions of the Second Senior Forest Officers Conference held at Dehra Dun in November, 1946.

Item No.2.

Whereas
Provincial Governments are considering post-war reconstruction plans on a short term basis, and Forestry requires long-term planning;

1. This conference recommends that post war plans of the Forest Department should be considered on a long terms basis of not less than 20 years and that Provincial should declare their policy on this basis as early as possible

Whereas
(a) The total area of India under forest is too small and badly distributed to meet the needs of the people.

(b) Large tracts of country are inadequately provided with trees to provide fuel and small timber to the local villagers.

(c) Extensive areas of waste land unsuitable for cultivation but suitable for forest crops exist in all Provinces including railway lands canal banks and roadside strips.

(d) The provision of fodder and control of grazing are a crying need.

(e) The forests of India are vital for protection against floods and erosion which are a serious menace in India.

(f) In desert areas, particularly in the north-west of India, there is considerable sand movement which may damage more valuable land if not arrested.

(g) The forests in India under private ownership are steadily disappearing and are under inadequate management and control.

II. This Conference re-affirms. the resolution passed at the last Senior Forest Officers Conference that a Soil Conservation Circle or Land Management Circle (or in the case of smaller Provinces or States a Soil Conservation division) be sent up under the Forest Department in each Province and that such Circles and Divisions should be sanctioned on a permanent basis, and

whereas it is considered essential that all Forest operations should be carried out by trained forest officers.

III. This Conference strongly recommends that the management of canal plantations and roadside avenues should be in the hands of the Forest Department

Whereas
(a) Owing to lack of control, privately owned forests and waste lands throughout India have been progressively denuded and largely rendered valueless amounting in some cases to complete destruction by overfelling and excessive grazing.

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(b) Such denudation and destruction is endagering supplies of timber, firewood and fooder, is causing erosion, is adversely affecting water supplies and is rendering land liable to the distructive action of floods

(c) The resortion and preservation ofsuch land is ~~essential in the~~ essential in the interests of Public welfare.

(d) It is primarily the duty of the State to ensure that private forests and waste lands are properly and scientifically managed.

(e) Exist ng legislation is inadequate to enable Government to exercise ~~deef~~ effective control of privately owned forests and waste land.

IV. This conference re-affirms the resolution passed at the last senior forest officers conference that legislation should be intruduced to provide for the proper conservation of privately owned forests and waste land, and

Whereas it is peported that certain ~~x~~ owners are heavily overfelling their private forests~~im~~ in anticipation of such legislation,

V. This conference recommends that powers under any existing legislation ~~he~~ should be fully used and that where no s uch legislation exists special emergency measures be taken to prevent the destruction of private forests pending the introduction of a private Forests Bill

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FOREST DEPARTMENT, MADRAS

Reference No.18524-47-D1, dated 6 - 1 - 1948

From
J.A. Master Esq., I.F.S.,
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Egmore.

To
The Joint Secretary to Government
Development Department.

Sir,

Subject; Second Senior Forest Officers' Conference, 1946 - Resolutions - Remarks.
Reference:- Government Endorsement No.103195 C1/47-1 Development Department, dated the 31st October 1947.

My remarks are as hereunder

Item No.2.

1. The matter has been dealt with in Messrs. Sathe's and Tirumurti's reports submitted to Government with my Reference No.1203/44-B1, dated 13th March 1946 and Reference No.1203/44-B1, dated 2nd September 1947 respectively.

II A Soil Conservation Division for the Nilgiris and he adjoining Attapady vally is in existence now. Proposals for and expansion of the work in the Nilgiris and for organizing a similar division in Bellary to deal with larger areas, and also for employing trained personnel retrenched from the land Improvement Department of the Bombay Government were submitted to Government in my Reference No.1167-46-B1, dated 20th October 1947. The orders of Government are awaited. An Assistant Conservator of Forests has also beendeputed to the United States of America for training in Land Management and Soil Conservation.

III. I had discussed this point at the Conference and I a was not in favour of the suggestion.

Plantaitons raised on the banks of the Hagari are under the management and control of the Forest Department. Management of all other canal plantaions and roadside avenue in my opinion is the work of the department concerned.

IV and V. To deal with all privately wew owned forest in the Province, and especially those in Malabar and South Kanara districts, which have a contiguous area of more than 100 acres, an emergency act entitled the Madras Preservation of Private Forest Act was introduced in 1946. This will be in foree for a period of two years in the first instance and will be continued for a further period of two years if considered necessary. Permanent legislation will no doubt be undertaken before long.

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for CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST.

Enclosure: One Exchange reminder.

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TELEGRAM MESSAGE — Development Department

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To

The Personal Assistant to
the Chief Conservator of Forests.

SuB:- Forests - Second Senior Forest Officers' Conference - 1946 - Resolutions.

Ref:- From the Chief Conservator of Forests Ref.No 18524-47.DI dated 6-1-48.

Please refer to the relevant paragraphs or portions in Messrs. Sathe's and Tirumurthi's reports which bear on the recommendations that post war plans of the Forest Dept. should be considered on a long term basis of not less than 20 years.

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Note: The reports of Messrs Sathe and Tirumurthi have been read, there is no indication of the ~~POSITION~~ position stated by the Chief Conservator of Forests at X on p.5 cf.

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19.2.48

TLM. No. 103195/47 (Telephonic Message)

To

Personal Assistant to the Chief Conservator of Forests.

Sub:- Forests Second Senior Forest Officers' Conference - 1946 - Resolutions.
Ref:- My Tel. Telephonic Message dated 19-2-48

Please expedite your reply to the Telephonic Message cited and state when it may be expected

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13-3-48

Post copy to go.

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Government of Madras
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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

G.O.MsSNo.2133 Dated 28-4-48
Read the following

From the Government of India Ministry of Agricul' No.F.6.-13-A/47-F dated 11/20-10-47.
From the Chief Conservator of Forests No.18524-47 dated 6-1-48 and 3-4-48.

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27-4-48

To the Chief Conservator of Forests.

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for Superintendent,
MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.